IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of:) Atty. Docket No.: ICB0099) Confirmation No. 7908
Jacques MÜLLER et al.)
Serial No. 09/763,691) Group Art Unit: 2841
Filed: February 26, 2001)) Examiner: Unknown
For: ELECTRONIC TIMEPIECE)
INCLUDING A TIME RELATED)
DATA ITEM BASED ON A DECIMAI	*
SYSTEM) Date: December 5, 2003

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed by the applicants on February 26, 2001, and to date no action has been taken by the Examiner. The response of the PTO to an earlier Status Inquiry indicated that examination would occur between March and June, 2003. In view of the lapse of time, the undersigned inquires as to the status of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

GRIFFIN & SZIPL, PC

Joerg-Uwe Szipl Reg. No. 31,799

GRIFFIN & SZIPL, PC Suite PH-1 2300 Ninth Street, South Arlington, VA 22204 Telephone: (703) 979-5700 Facsimile: (703) 979-7429

Customer No.: 24203



DEC 0 5 2003

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply) Fee Transmittal Form	TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial Total Number of Pages in This Submission		U.S. Patents are required to respond to a collection Application Number Filing Date First Named Inventor Art Unit Examiner Name Attorney Docket Number	t and Trademark O	office; U.S. Didess it displa	PTO/SB/21 (08-03) th 08/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031 EPARTMENT OF COMMERCE vs a valid OMB control number.
Firm or Individual name Registration No. 31,799 GRIFFIN & SZIPL, P.C. Signature Date December 5, 2003 CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below. Typed or printed name	Fee Attached Amendment/Reply After Final Affidavits/declaration(s) Extension of Time Request Express Abandonment Request Information Disclosure Statement Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Response to Missing Parts		Drawing(s) Licensing-related Papers Petition Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Addre Ferminal Disclaimer Request for Refund CD, Number of CD(s)		o Technolo Appeal Con Appeals Appeal Con Appeal Noti Proprietary Status Lette Other Enclo	ogy Center (TC) nmunication to Board and Interferences nmunication to TC ice, Brief, Reply Brief) Information er osure(s) (please
	Firm or Individual name Scipl Registration No. 31,799 GRIFFIN & SZIPL, P.C. Signature December 5, 2003 Continuous Conti	ERTIFIC peing facsing	CATE OF TRANSMISSION mile transmitted to the USPTO or	/MAILING	he United S 450, Alexa	

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.